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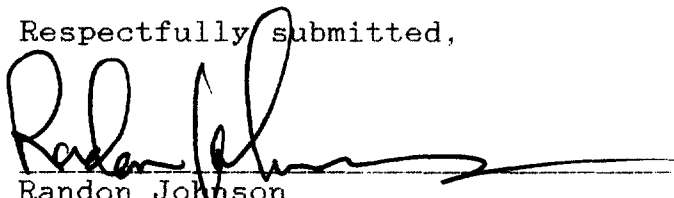
Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: PETITION FOR RULE MAKING
RM-7869

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Please find enclosed one original and five copies of my
comments on the above captioned matter. Sufficient copies
are enclosed to insure each Commissioner receives a copy.

Respectfully submitted,



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In the Matter of:
Admendment of Part 97 of the
Commission Rules Governing
Amateur Radio Services
Regarding Repeater and
Auxiliary Operation in the
1.25 Meter Band

RM-7869

Amateur Community, and to provide Public Service to his or her community, especially in the time of a disaster.

There is no question that Southern California has the greatest number of Amateur Radio operators on the 1.25 Meter band. The 1.25 Meter spectrum was saturated in Southern California since the late 80's, and a waiting list was in effect prior to the passage of 87-14. To date, many repeaters have NOT been moved into the current band of 222.000 to 225.000 Mhz. Also many control links were forced off the air, and had to move to 420 Mhz at the expense of area Amateur Radio Operators. We have barely had a chance to catch our breath from the catastrophic loss of 40% of our band, and now we stand to go through this whole mess again.

The ARRL in my estimation is making a grave error by creating friction between Amateur operators. It was hard enough to deal with Commercial encroachment, but now we are forced to compete with other fellow radio operators. The geographical areas should be allowed to create band plans that fit the local area. This is outlined in the ARRL Repeater directory, yet they seem to be breaking their own guidelines.

There is no question that everyone should have a piece of the pie, so to speak. Should it be done at the expense of systems which have long since operated in their area, providing Public Service to their community?

The individuals responsible for this action have not attended

coordination council meetings to share their interest, but instead have used the power of the ARRL to persuade them that we in Southern California are a loud gang of renegades, with no regard for the weak signal People. I can assure you that the people who work weak signal, and were present at the last coordination council were pleased to get any space out of a band which had just been carved up. It is the people not in attendance who have never bothered to contact the coordination council and discuss their needs. We are willing to make a compromise, but are shocked at the action of a few powerful individuals who happen to be board members of the ARRL.

I believe it is very premature to request this proposal from the Federal Communications Commission. The local option outlined is our best recourse. In areas where 1.25 Meter activity is light, the local option can be very generous.